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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
Steven Baldwin McGowan et al.
International Application No: PCT/US00/05302
Filed in the RO/GB on February 29, 2000
Entitled: DETERGENT TABLET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the
U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-23 and add new claims 24-53 to read as follows:

24. (New) A multi-phase detergent tablet according to claim 1 wherein the cogranulated
detergency additive composition comprises i) from about 0.1% to about 60% by weight
thereof of the polymeric polycarboxylate, ii) from about 40% to about 99.9% by weight
thereof of the inorganic carrier, and iii) from 0% to about 50% by weight thereof of one or
more organic auxiliaries selected from chelating agents, surfactants, polymeric disintegrants,